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INTERPRETIVE MEMORANDUM

May 5, 2006

To: DCS Staff, OFPCHS Rating Officer and MD Youth Camp Operators
From: Pamela Engle, R.S., Chief, Division of Community Services
Re: COMAR 10.16.06.33C Prescriptive Order for Medication Including Nonprescription Medication

When a staff member administers medication or a camper self-administers medication, COMAR 10.16.06.33C(11) allows: except for acetaminophen and topical medicines, only one dose of a nonprescription medicine given unless the child's health practitioner approves an additional dose in writing;

The Maryland Board of Nursing advises that a Registered Nurse (RN) and Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) are **not** permitted to administer **any** medication, prescription or nonprescription, unless there is an authorized prescriptive order for the medication. In addition, the licensed nurse may not delegate to any certified or unlicensed individual the administration of any medication, including non-prescription medication, unless there is a prescriptive order for the medication. The prescriptive order must be from a person who is legally allowed to write a prescription such as a MD licensed physician.

Effective immediately, please follow the current standards of nursing practices. **Any medication at a youth camp, including a nonprescription medication, requires a prescriptive order.** The prescriptive order must include the number of doses that can be administered to the camper at camp.

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